

**Amendment to the Claims:**

1. (original) A pneumatic radial tire having a bead portion provided therein with a bead core formed by a plurality of sheath wires enveloping a central core, characterized in that:  
the sheath has a plurality of steel cords, each cord having at least three filaments; and the central core is made from steel wire or a metal alloy material having a weight less than steel.
2. (withdrawn)
3. (cancelled)
4. (withdrawn)
5. (withdrawn)
6. (withdrawn)
7. (withdrawn)
8. (withdrawn)
9. (withdrawn)
10. (original) A pneumatic radial tire having a bead portion provided therein with a bead core formed by a plurality of sheath wires enveloping a central core, characterized in that:  
the sheath has a plurality of steel cords, each cord having at least three filaments, and the central core is made from a composite or synthetic material having a weight less than steel.